GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services — Forest Department – V&E Report No.73, dt:25.05.2005 - Disciplinary action initiated against Sri K. Radhakrishna, FRO (Retd)- Formerly worked as FRO, Range No.II, Arakuvalley of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle- Findings received – Disagreement factors communicated – Imposition of 5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years besides recovery of Rs. 10,988/- (being 75% of excess expenditure) – Show-Cause-Notice issued – Explanation received –Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 32 Dated: 18-03-2016
Read the following:

1. From the G.A.(V&E) Department, V&E Report No.73, dt:25-5-2005.
2. Govt.Memo.No.4703/For.IV/A1/2005, dt:23-7-2005.
3. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.34271/2005/PXA-3, dt:03-01-2008.
4. Govt.,Memo.No.4703/For.IV/A1/2005,dt:12-9-2014.
5. From the PCCF, Ref.No.34271/2005/Vig-1, dt.04.04.2015 together with the further Defense Statement dt. 14.10.2014 of Sri K.Radhakrishna, FRO(retd)
6. Govt. Letter No.4703/For.IV/A1/2005, Dated:12.02.2016.
7. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.164/DC&C/2/2016, dt.29.02.2016.

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ORDER:

In the reference 3rd read above, Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests has informed that vide reference 34271/2005/PXA-3(iv), dt:30.04.2006, an Article of Charge was issued to Sri K. Radhakrishna, Forest Range Officer(Retd) formerly worked as Forest Range officer, Range No.II, Arakuvalley of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle on the following counts.

Article:

That he had while working as Forest Range Officer, Range No.II Arakuvalley in Paderu Division, shown gross negligence of duties and shown lack of devotion to duty and prepared and submitted the estimates with excess rate and executed the works during 2003-2004 without following the Prl.CCF's Circular No. 3/2002 and FSR-2003-2004 special Condition No. 8 for the earth works in respect of works under NABARD-VIII scheme and responsible for submitting the estimates at excess rate and payment resulted in excess expenditure of Rs. 55,978/- and thereby caused a loss to a tune of Rs.55,978/- to the state's exchequer.

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of charge on dt:27.09.2007 and submitted his defense statement. After examining the defense statement of the Charged Officer, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively, vide Prl.CCF Rc.No.34271/2005/P3(i)(ii), dt:19.12.2009 to conduct regular enquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer submitted his findings vide CCF, Visakhapatnam Rc.No.9269/2005/M8 dt:30.04.2010, in which he concluded that the Charge framed against the Charged Officer was not proved. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were not agreed by the Prl.CCF and hence the findings along with the disagreement factors were communicated to the Charged Officer for submitting his further defense. The Charged Officer submitted his further defense, wherein he did not put forth any new points.

4. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on dt:30.06.2003. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. With reference to the findings of the Inquiry officer, disagreement factors of the Prl.CCF and material made available, Government have observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer is held proved and it was provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years besides recovery of Rs. 41,983/- (being 75% of excess expenditure) on the Charged Officer Sri K. Radhakrishna, FRO (Retd) formerly worked as FRO, Range No.II, Arakuvalley of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 4th read above. The Retired Officer has submitted his explanation to the Show-Cause-Notice through the reference 5th read above in which he stated that, out of (3) estimates, he submitted only one estimate i.e.,DSO.No.33/2003/2004. His successor Sri G.V.Rama Raju, FRO(Expired) submitted the remaining (2) estimates (i.e., DSO.No.650/2003/04 for 30,187/- and DSO No.670/2003-04 for Rs.28,656) as the Charged Officer retired from service on 30.06.2003. He further submitted that out of sanctioned amount of Rs.2,53,750/-, an amount of Rs.72,893/- was incurred by him for digging of CCTs over 1673.94 cum and therefore, he is responsible for an amount of Rs.14,650/- only (i.e.,Rs.55,968-Rs.41,328) and for the remaining excess expenditure (i.e., Rs.41,328) his successor i.e., Sri G.V. Ramaraju, FRO(Retd.& expired) is responsible. The PCCF has informed for recovery of Rs.10,988/- being 75% of Rs.14,650/- excess expenditure incurred by the Charged Officer Sri K. RadhaKrishna, FRO(Retd), (1673.94 cum x Rs.8.75 = Rs. 14,650/-) as he is responsible for excess expenditure in only one work.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (2) years besides recovery of Rs. 10,988/- against the Charged Officer Sri K. Radhakrishna, FRO(retd), formerly worked as Forest Range officer, Range No.II, Arakuvalley of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, as he is responsible for excess expenditure in only one work.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Prl.Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.164/DC&C/2/2016, dt.29.02.2016).
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER